

**BOYD ANNOUNCES STIMULUS FUNDS FOR GULF COUNTY SCHOOLS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) announced today that Gulf County schools will receive \$635,396 in federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was recently signed into law with Congressman Boyd's support. This federal funding is part of an investment of nearly \$1.8 billion that was released to the State of Florida by the U.S. Department of Education this week. Gulf County will use this funding to support teaching jobs and preserve needed programs at area schools.

"The federal funding is great news for Gulf County," said Congressman Boyd. "Providing quality education is something that is very important to me and the people of North Florida, and there is no doubt that these stimulus dollars will help many students, teachers, and families in the Gulf County area."

To date, Florida has received nearly \$600 million in stimulus dollars to fund programs such as Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The state is eligible to apply for an additional \$891 million this fall.

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